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Committee Review: N/A
Staff: Craig Howard, Senior Legislative Analyst
Purpose: To introduce agenda item – no vote expected
Keywords: MCPS

AGENDA ITEM #2C
May 5, 2020
Introduction

SUBJECT

Special Appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools, \$962,000 for a Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy Grant (Source of Funds: State Grant)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The County Council will introduce a special appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools, \$962,000 for a Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy Grant. The source of funds is a Maryland State Department of Education Grant.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The Board of Education requested this appropriation on March 23. The County Executive recommended approval on April 22.
- This special appropriation will provide funds for MCPS, together with Montgomery County Public Libraries, to expand foundational literacy programs for students who are: from low-income families, receiving special education services, or are enrolled in English for Speakers of Other Languages programs.
- The Council is tentatively scheduled to hold a public hearing and consider action on the special appropriation on May 12.

This report contains:

County Executive Recommendation (April 22, 2020)	©1
Draft Special Appropriation Resolution	©2-3
Board of Education Request (March 23, 2020)	©4-6

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

April 22, 2020

TO: Sidney Katz, President, County Council

FROM: *Amanda Klein for*
Marc Elrich, County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #20-462 to the FY20 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Public Schools
Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy Grant, \$962,000

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) in the amount of \$962,000 for the Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy Grant. This appropriation will provide funds for MCPS, together with Montgomery County Public Libraries, to expand foundational literacy programs for students who are A) from low-income families, B) receiving special education services, or C) are enrolled in English Speakers of Other Languages programs.

This supplemental appropriation is needed to provide spending authority for grant funds received from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). As a grant award, there is no effect on the County's current or future maintenance of effort requirements.

I recommend that the County Council approves this supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$962,000 and specify the source of funds as MSDE.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

ME:rh

Attachments

Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation #20-462 to the FY20 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Public Schools
Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy Grant, \$962,000

Background

1. Section 308 of the County Charter provides that a special appropriation is an appropriation which states that it is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency, or to act without delay in the public interest. Each special appropriation shall be approved by not less than six Councilmembers. The Council may approve a special appropriation at any time after public notice by news release. Each special appropriation shall specify the source of funds to finance it.
2. The County Executive has requested the following FY20 Operating Budget appropriation increases for Montgomery County Public Schools

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$547,657	\$414,343	\$0	\$962,000	Maryland State Department of Education Grant

3. This increase is needed to provide spending authority for the use of grant funds received from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). As a grant award, there is no effect on the County's current or future maintenance of effort requirements.
4. The County Executive recommends a special appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget in the amount of \$962,000 for the Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy Grant and specifies that the source of funds will be grant funds from MSDE.
5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:

A special appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget of Montgomery County Public Schools is approved as follows:

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\$547,657	\$414,343	\$0	\$962,000	Maryland State Department of Education Grant

This is a correct copy of Council action.

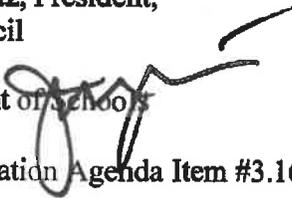
Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

March 24, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Marc Elrich, County Executive
The Honorable Sidney A. Katz, President,
Montgomery County Council

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Transmittal of Board of Education Agenda Item #3.16

Recommended Fiscal Year 2020 Supplemental Appropriation for Striving Readers'
Comprehensive Literacy Grant

BOE Meeting Date: March 23, 2020

Amount: \$962,000

Type of Action: Approval

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Attachment

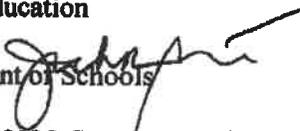
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Mr. Marella
Montgomery County Office of Management and Budget

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

March 23, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Recommended Fiscal Year 2020 Supplemental Appropriation for Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy Grant

Recommendation in Brief

Authorization is requested to receive and expend, subject to County Council approval, a Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$962,000 for a grant from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) for the Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy Program. A Notice of Grant Award in the amount of \$962,000 for FY 2020 has been received from MSDE. As the size of the grants award exceeds the funding amount limitation of the provision, an authorization of supplemental appropriation is needed.

Background

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) began to implement new curriculum in 2009 and with the adoption of the Common Core State Standards in 2010, there were missed opportunities to provide our youngest learners with the foundational skills required to master literacy and access complex text across content areas. Findings from an external audit of the MCPS Curriculum 2.0 in March 2018 revealed our curriculum does not include the necessary component to adequately address foundational skills. Building foundational literacy skills begins at birth and the Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy grant will help support MCPS, in conjunction with Montgomery County Public Libraries, to provide families in Montgomery County, particularly those impacted by poverty, with resources and tools to build a literacy-rich environment before their children enter kindergarten.

Support of Board of Education Mission

The Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy grant is supported by the District Implementation Plan for the Strategic Priorities—Strengthen the Foundation for Academic Success by focusing on instruction in literacy to ensure that all students have the literacy skills needed to be college and career ready and efforts to improve performance and outcomes for students receiving special education and English for Speakers of Other Languages services. The grant funds will enable MCPS

to intensify efforts to improve performance and outcomes for students living in poverty and those receiving special education and English for Speakers of Other Languages services.

Use of Funds

Funds will be used to provide for:

- Professional part-time salaries;
- Associated employee benefits;
- Stipends;
- Substitutes;
- Contractual Services; and
- Instructional Materials.

Recommended Resolution

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools has received notification from the Maryland State Department of Education that it will receive \$962,000 for the Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy grant; now therefore be it.

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools be authorized to receive and expend, subject to the notice of grant award from the Maryland State Department of Education and County Council approval, a Fiscal Year supplemental appropriation of \$962,000 for the Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy grant in the following categories:

	<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	Administration	\$ 26,475
3	Instructional Salaries	500,805
4	Textbooks and Instructional Supplies	376,031
5	Other Instructional Costs	20,377
12	Fixed Charges	38,312
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 962,000</u>

and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the county executive and County Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the county executive be requested to recommend approval of this resolution to the County Council.

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